

Section 5.2: The Definite Integral

Definition (Definite Integral)

Let f be defined on an interval $[a, b]$. Let

$$x_0 = a < x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n = b$$

be any partition of $[a, b]$, and $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$ be any set of sample points. Then the **definite integral of f from a to b** is denoted and defined by

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x_i$$

provided this limit exists. Here, the limit is taken over all possible partitions of $[a, b]$.

Important Remarks

(1) If the integral does exist, it is a **number**. That is, it does not depend on the dummy variable of integration. The following are equivalent.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(t) dt = \int_a^b f(q) dq$$

(2) If f is positive and continuous on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{the area under the curve.}$$

(3) If f is piecewise continuous enclosing region(s) of total area A_1 **above** the x -axis and enclosing region(s) of total area A_2 **below** the x -axis, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = A_1 - A_2$$

For Example...

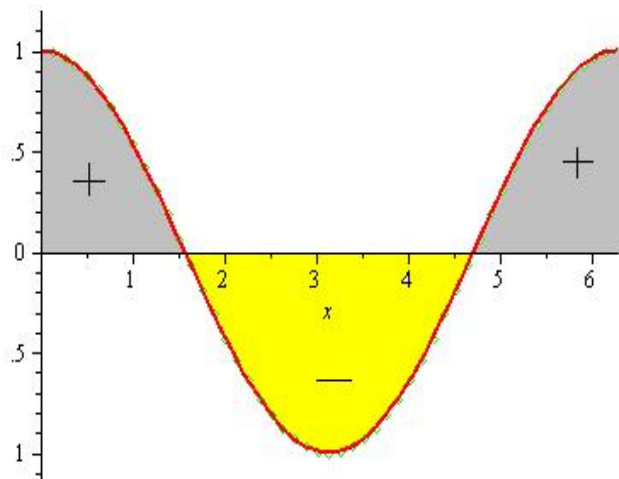
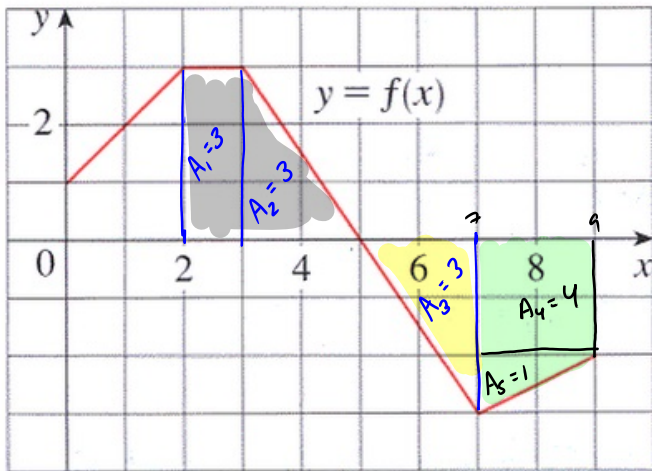


Figure: $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{area of gray region} - \text{area of yellow region}$

Example

Consider the graph of $y = f(x)$ shown.

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}(2)(3) = 3$$



$$\begin{aligned} A_5 &= \frac{1}{2}bh \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1)(2) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Example

Use the graph on the preceding page to evaluate each integral.

$$\int_2^7 f(x) dx = 3 + 3 - 3 = 3$$

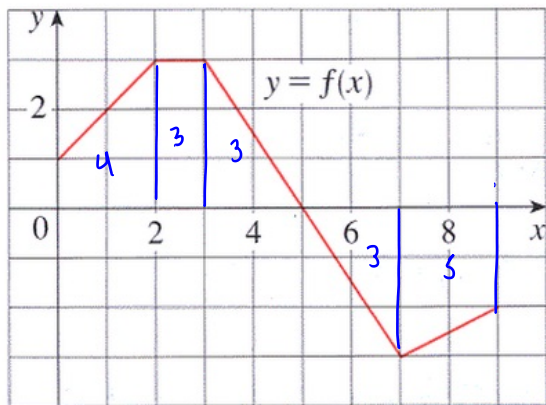
$$A_1 + A_2 - A_3$$

$$\int_7^9 f(x) dx = -5$$

$$-(A_4 + A_5)$$

Question

Use the graph to evaluate $\int_0^9 f(x) dx$



(a) 6

(b) 2

(c) -2

(d) 4

$$4 + 3 + 3 - (3 + 5) = 2$$

Important Theorems:

Theorem: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ or has only finitely many jump discontinuities on $[a, b]$, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$

Theorem: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x,$$

where

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad \text{and} \quad c_i = a + i\Delta x.$$

A couple of definitions:

Definition: If $f(a)$ is defined, then

$$\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0.$$

same upper and lower limit

In particular, the integral of a continuous function over a single point is zero.

Definition: If $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ exists, then

limits swapped $\rightarrow \int_b^a f(x) dx = - \int_a^b f(x) dx$

Reversing the limits of integration negates the value of the integral.

Example

It can be shown that $\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\pi}^0 \sin^2(t) dt \\ &= - \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(t) dt \\ &= - \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

replacing the dummy x
with t doesn't affect
the value.

switching the limits
negates the value.

Question

Suppose it is known that $\int_3^{10} f(x) dx = -12$

Evaluate $\int_{10}^3 f(x) dx = - \int_3^{10} f(x) dx = -(-12) = 12$

(a) 12

(b) -12

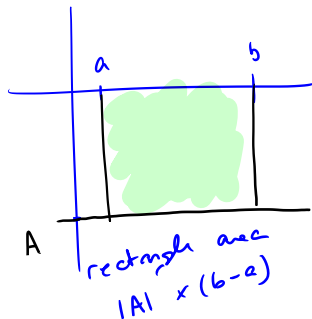
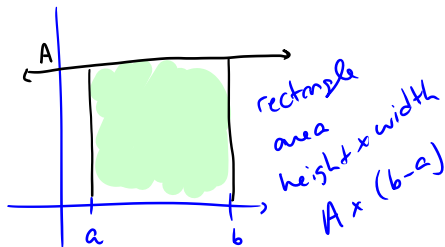
(c) $f(10)$

(d) can't be determined without more information

A simple integral

If $f(x) = A$ where A is any constant, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b A dx = A(b - a).$$



Question

$$\int_3^7 \pi dx = \pi(7-3) = 4\pi$$

(a) 4π

(b) 7π

(c) 3π

(d) can't be determined without more information

Section 5.3: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Suppose f is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$. For $a \leq x \leq b$ define a new function

$$g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$$

*t is a dummy variable,
the independent variable is x.*

How can we understand this function, and what can be said about it?

Geometric interpretation of $g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$

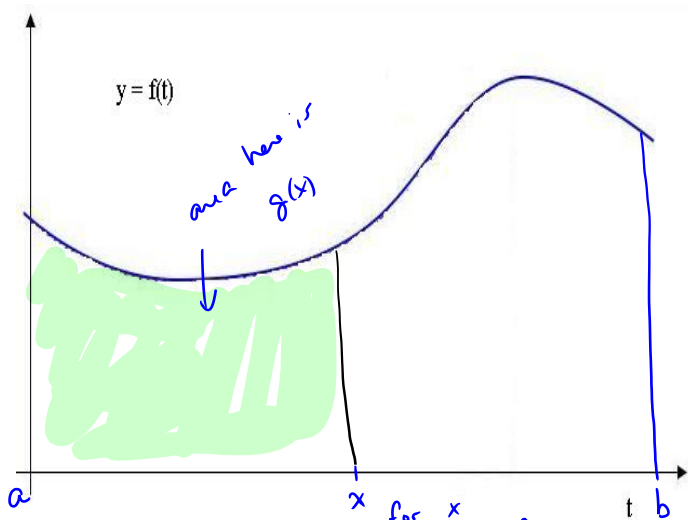


Figure for x between a and b .

Theorem: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (part 1)

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and the function g is defined by

$$g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt \quad \text{for } a \leq x \leq b,$$

then g is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Moreover

$$g'(x) = f(x).$$

↑ the integrand evaluated @ x .

This means that the new function g is an **antiderivative** of f on (a, b) !
"FTC" = "fundamental theorem of calculus"

Example:

Evaluate each derivative.

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x \sin^2(t) dt = \sin^2(x)$$

$$\text{Here, } f(t) = \sin^2(t)$$

$$a=0 \text{ and } g(x) = \int_0^x \sin^2(t) dt$$

$$f(x) = \sin^2(x)$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} \int_4^x \frac{t - \cos t}{t^4 + 1} dt = \frac{x - \cos x}{x^4 + 1}$$

$$\text{Here } f(t) = \frac{t - \cos t}{t^4 + 1}, a=4$$

Question

Evaluate $\frac{d}{dx} \int_2^x e^{3t^2} dt$

(a) e^{3x^2}

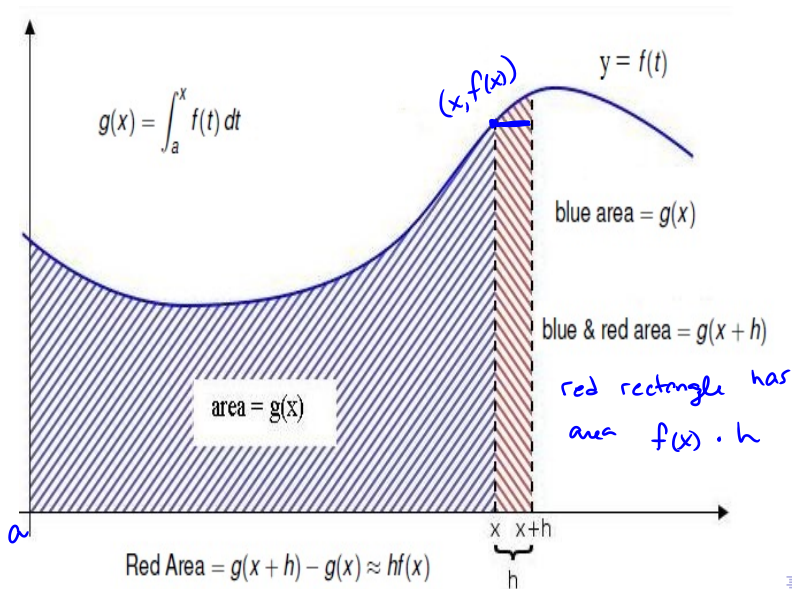
$$f(t) = e^{3t^2}$$

so $f(x) = e^{3x^2}$

(b) $6xe^{3x^2}$

(c) $e^{3x^2} - e^{12}$

Geometric Argument of FTC



Recall
$$g'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}$$

$$g(x+h) - g(x) \approx hf(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \approx f(x)$$

and the approximation gets better
the smaller h is.

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = f(x)$$

Chain Rule with FTC

Evaluate each derivative.

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} t^3 dt$$

This is a composition
with inside $u(x) = x^2$
and outside

$$F(u) = \int_0^u t^3 dt$$

$$F'(u) = u^3 \text{ and } u'(x) = 2x$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} t^3 dt = (x^2)^3 \cdot (2x) \\ = x^6 \cdot 2x = 2x^7$$

$$\text{FTC } \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x)$$

Chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} F(u(x)) = F'(u) \cdot u'(x)$$

u^3
↓

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} \int_x^7 \cos(t^2) dt$$

FTC

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x)$$

To use the FTC, first note

that $\int_x^7 \cos(t^2) dt = - \int_7^x \cos(t^2) dt$

so $\frac{d}{dx} \int_x^7 \cos(t^2) dt = \frac{d}{dx} \left(- \int_7^x \cos(t^2) dt \right)$

$$= - \frac{d}{dx} \int_7^x \cos(t^2) dt = - \cos(x^2)$$

Question

Use the chain rule where $f(u) = \int_1^u \sin^{-1} t dt$ and $u = 7x$ to evaluate

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_1^{7x} \sin^{-1} t dt$$

(a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-7x^2}}$

(b) $\sin^{-1}(7x)$

(c) $\frac{7}{\sqrt{1-49x^2}}$

(d) $7 \sin^{-1}(7x)$

$f'(u) = \sin^{-1} u$ by the FTC

$u'(x) = 7$

so $f'(u) \cdot u'(x)$

$= (\sin^{-1} u) 7 = 7 \sin^{-1}(7x)$

Theorem: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (part 2)

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

where F is any antiderivative of f on $[a, b]$. (i.e. $F'(x) = f(x)$)

to evaluate $\int_a^b f(x) dx$

- Find an antiderivative $F(x)$.
- Find the numbers $F(b)$ and $F(a)$
- Compute the difference $F(b) - F(a)$

Example: Use the FTC to show that $\int_0^b x \, dx = \frac{b^2}{2}$

Here $a=0$, $b=b$, $f(x) = x$ (x to the 1 power).

An antiderivative is $F(x) = \frac{x^{1+1}}{1+1} = \frac{x^2}{2}$

$$F(b) = \frac{b^2}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad F(a) = F(0) = \frac{0^2}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{so} \quad \int_0^b x \, dx = F(b) - F(a) = \frac{b^2}{2} - 0 = \frac{b^2}{2}$$

Notation

Suppose F is an antiderivative of f . We write

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x) \Big|_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

or sometimes

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x) \Big]_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

For example

$$\int_0^b x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^b = \frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{0^2}{2} = \frac{b^2}{2}$$

Evaluate each definite integral using the FTC

$$(a) \int_0^2 3x^2 dx = x^3 \Big|_0^2 = 2^3 - 0^3 = 8 - 0 = 8$$

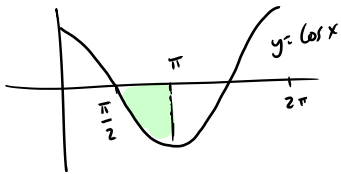
Side note: $f(x) = 3x^2$, an antiderivative is

$$F(x) = x^3$$

$$F(x) = 3 \cdot \frac{x^{2+1}}{2+1} = 3 \frac{x^3}{3} = x^3$$

power rule

$$(b) \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \cos x \, dx = \sin x \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} = \sin \pi - \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \\ = 0 - 1 = -1$$



For $f(x) = \cos x$, an antiderivative $F(x) = \sin x$

Question

$$(c) \int_1^9 \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} du = \left. \sqrt{u} \right|_1^9$$
$$= \sqrt{9} - \sqrt{1}$$
$$= 3 - 1 = 2$$

(a) 8

(b) $\frac{13}{54}$

(c) 2

(d) $-\frac{1}{3}$

$$f(u) = \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2}, \quad F(u) = u^{1/2}$$

power rule: $-1/2 + 1$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{-1/2+1}}{-1/2+1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2}$$
$$= u^{1/2}$$

$$(d) \int_0^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt = \sin^{-1} t \Big|_0^{1/2} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \sin^{-1}(0) \\ = \frac{\pi}{6} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}, \quad F(t) = \sin^{-1} t$$

Caveat! The FTC doesn't apply if f is not continuous!

The function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ is positive everywhere on its domain. Now consider the calculation

$$\int_{-1}^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \left. \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right|_{-1}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} - 1 = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Is this believable? Why or why not?

f is never negative, a negative integral makes no sense! The integral is undefined.

An Observation

If f is differentiable on $[a, b]$, note that

$$\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a).$$

This says that:

The integral of the **rate of change** of f over the interval $[a, b]$ is the **net change** of the function, $f(b) - f(a)$, over this interval.

Remember the example: the *area* under the velocity curve gave the net change in position!